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**TRUSTEES FOR SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS MEMORIALS**

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William Drago

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The monthly meeting of the GRAFTON TRUSTEES FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIALS was held on JULY 5, 2016 in Town Hall CONFERENCE ROOM "E." MR. KJELLBERG, MR. SHERMAN, AND MR. DRAGO were present.

The meeting began at 1000.

Mr. Kjellberg began the meeting by indicating the number of grave marker/flag holders that needed to be purchased. The total for Fairview, St. Philips, Riverside, Pine grove, and Old Indian totals 877. The Veterans Agent has indicated that he has approximately \$1,081.00 that is being applied to the plaques in Memorial Hall. American Legion Post 92 has volunteered to give the Trust \$500.00 for needed purchases. Boy Scout Troop 107 has also presented the Selectmen with a check for \$199.00 for the purpose of helping purchase the markers. Two types of markers are available: plastic markers at approximately \$5/each and metal markers at approx. \$31/each. If the Trust purchases the plastic markers the total will be approx. \$4,385. If metal, the cost will be approx. \$27,187. The issue of ongoing theft of metal grave markers was discussed without any solution being reached.

A recent letter from a former Grafton resident scolded the town for not having metal markers on veterans' graves and for not including his name on Memorial Hall veterans' plaques. The Trust noted the first issue but decided that since the writer had not lived in Grafton during his military service, it would be inappropriate to list him on an official monument to Grafton residents.

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Next discussed regarding fund-raising was the National Night Out Event to be held by the Grafton Police Department in August. Mr. Sherman volunteered to contact the police about setting-up a small display through which the Trust could solicit donations.

Regarding funding, Mr. Drago volunteered to contact the Assistant Town Manager about creating a bank account for the Trust in which to put money awarded by Town Meeting and any other monies raised. A budget will be generated by the Trust once funds are available.

The Trust was told that Veterans' Agent Costello will be contacting Grafton residents in order to create a list of all military veterans.

The Memorial Day laying of the wreath for Navy veterans at Washington Mills was discussed and it was noted that there is no Navy memorial at the Mills which would serve as a landmark. Mr. Sherman volunteered to contact the Navy about obtaining a small plaque and also to contact the Mill about placing it on their property.

Meeting adjourned at 1119.

Respectfully,

Kenneth B. Sherman
Secretary